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In re Application of	:	
Walker et al.	:	
Application No. 10/803,748	:	
Filed: March 17, 2004	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Attorney Docket No. 100041-41199	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(B)
Title: CARD SUPPLYING AND	:	
STORAGE SYSTEM	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed August 31, 2009, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed September 5, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. An after-final amendment was received on December 5, 2008, and an advisory action was mailed on January 6, 2009. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) were obtained, and no further responses were received. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 6, 2008. A notice of abandonment was mailed on March 30, 2009.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the

required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;

- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

With this petition, Petitioner filed the petition fee and the proper statement of unintentional delay. Petitioner further submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, including a request for consideration of a concurrently submitted amendment and payment of the RCE fee. The RCE has been accepted as the required reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(1).

As such, the first three requirements of Rule 1.137(b) have been met. The fourth requirement of Rule 1.137(b) is not applicable, as a terminal disclaimer is not required.¹

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision. The Technology Center's support staff will notify the Examiner of this decision, so that the submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 - the amendment that was submitted on August 31, 2009 - can be processed.

Petitioner may find it beneficial to view Private PAIR within a fortnight of the present decision to ensure that the revival has been acknowledged by the Technology Center in response to this decision. It is noted that all inquiries with regard to any failure of that change in status should be directed to the Technology Center where that change of status must be effected - **the Office of Petitions cannot effectuate a change of status.**

It is noted that the address listed on the petition differs from the address of record. The application file does not indicate a change of correspondence address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If Petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the change of correspondence address must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to Petitioner. However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until

¹ See Rule 1.137(d).

such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary. Petitioner will not receive future correspondence related to this application unless Change of Correspondence Address, Patent Form (PTO/SB/122) is submitted for the above-identified application. For Petitioner's convenience, a blank Change of Correspondence Address, Patent Form (PTO/SB/122), may be found at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/sb0122.pdf>.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay.² In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, Petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the delay was intentional, Petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.³ All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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² See 37 C.F.R. § 10.18(b); cf. Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997).

³ Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's further action(s).